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# Purchase of $1 million fire truck OK'd

Don Howard
Staff Writer

> *One, we asked for the millage proposal for a fire truck with a ladder and that's what people voted on. Two, don't bring a knife to gunfight. I hope there's never a situation where we need this ladder truck, but if we're in a gun fight and we need a ladder truck-don't bring a knife*

Despite continued and contentious comments from some members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, the purchase of a new $937,739 .30 fire engine ladder truck for the fire department was approved by a 5-2 vote at the regular meeting last week.

Township Fire Chief Dan Phillips was once again asked to address the board and discuss his rationale for the particular truck and talk about the specifications for the vehicle. He had presented a similar report at the last meeting, which also prompted heated discussion among board members. Phillips repeatedly answered questions from the board members and addressed their expressed concerns. The township has been without a ladder truck since 2012.

After intense dialog and impassioned comments from members of the public, board members finally approved the purchase with veteran Trustee Chuck Curmi and Clerk Jerry Vorva casting the two dissenting votes.

Three months ago township voters approved a public safety millage to fund the replacement of aging fire trucks and antiquated fire safety equipment and according to Treasurer Mark Clinton, the funds were included in the current budget. Several of the board members had campaigned door-to-door for votes on the promise of restoring the fire department to levels deemed acceptable by national standards.

After that election, Township Supervisor Kurt Heise stated his first goal was to properly equip the fire department and make the department fully operational. Heise had placed

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A celebration of Chinese art and culture will include folk dances and songs set for March 23 on the Main Stage and The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

# Celebration of Chinese culture set

A celebration of Chinese history and culture through music, song and dance is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, March 23 on the Main Stage at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Entertainment will include folk and classical dances performed by Metro Detroit area Chinese schools, vocal performances with solos by Xuan Gao and Shubo Fang, Peking Opera, and Shuping Ma, Italian Opera. The evening will also feature the Peking Opera, duets, and the Canton Philharmonic Choir, Michigan Chinese Choir and March Wind Choir. The show will also showcase instrumentalists on pipa and guzheng.

A special pre-show reception is planned for 6 p.m. and will feature displays about Peking Opera. The event is presented by the Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage and members of the Chinese Festival Subcommittee.

Tickets for the event are $5 and are available online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at The Village Theater Box Office one hour prior to show time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48187.

# Amazon to fund Romulus classes

Romulus High School is among the elite group that will be able to offer computer science courses this fall funded by Amazon.

The online retail giant funds full-year computer science courses as part of the Amazon Future Engineer program, designed to interest teens in pursuing careers in computer science. The educational program is a four-part curriculum aimed at helping students, particularly those from underserved communities, understand computer operations.

Classes in the program include an introduction to computer science and advanced placement computer science courses.

Funding provided by the Amazon Future Engineer Program pays for preparatory lessons, tutorials, professional development for teachers, fully sequenced and paced digital curriculum for students, and live online support during classes.

Romulus High School Assistant Principal Nicole Crockett applied for the grant. Interim Superintendent of Romulus Schools Dr. Flinnoia Hall III, who was formerly the principal at the high school said he was very pleased with the grant.

"I am extremely excited to be one of the few high schools selected in the state of Michigan let alone throughout the nation to receive this great opportunity for our students," Hall said. " Our students are worthy of this learning experience, and I'm confident that we will have some new computer science engineers coming out of Romulus."

Students participating in the program also receive free membership to Amazon Web Services Educate, which provides them free cloud access for coding projects and content to help educate them about cloud computing.

In addition, the Amazon Future Engineer program will award 100 students with four-year, $10,000 scholarships as well as offer guaranteed and paid Amazon internships to gain work experience as part of the Amazon $50 million investment in computer science/STEM education.

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# Westland police celebrate retirement, 2 promotions

It was a celebration of both retirement and promotions recently when Westland Police Sgt. Joseph Bobby officially left the department and two new sergeants were named.

Bobby is retiring after having served the Westland Police Department for more than 20 years. He volunteered as a Westland Police Explorer from 1988 to 1993 and then served on both the Hamtramck Police Department and the Redford Police Department. He joined the Westland Police Department in 1999.

During his years of service he served as a Police Explorer Adviser, Community Police Officer, and a K9 Officer with his partner "Friday" for 8 years. He was a patrol supervisor of juvenile crimes in the schools and then a member of the detective bureau.

Bobby was also an active member of Westland Police volunteer programs including the Goodfellows and Kids without a Christmas. Bobby received numerous awards during his career, including the Chiefs Award and the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Michigan Humane Society for rescuing a dog from a burning house and then reviving the dog, savings its life.

"Sgt. Joseph Bobby is a well-respected member of both the Westland Police Department and also the Westland community. I appreciate his years of dedicated service," commented Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik.

"With the retirement of Sgt. Bobby, there is new opportunity for veteran police officers to take on new leadership roles within our agency. I am confident that both Michael Little and Kameron Sleep are well prepared and will do an excellent job."

Little and Sleep were each promoted to the rank of sergeant Feb. 19.

Westland Police Sgt. Michael Little gets some help with his badge during his promotion ceremony.

Little has served on the Westland Police Department since 2009 after beginning his law enforcement career with the Hamtramck Police Department, where he served for three years. Little has an associate's degree in Criminal

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# Board OK's purchases for public safety

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees approved multiple purchases of equipment for the Public Safety Department during the regular meeting Feb. 26.

After a recommendation from Deputy Public Safety Director Chad Baugh, trustees unanimously approved the purchase of the Vigilant Solutions Intelligence Led Police Package, as Baugh touted the use of the technology regionally by police agencies.

He said perpetrators of a series of breaking and entering crimes were recently apprehended using the technology.

"We coordinated the investigation in Southeast Michigan. An arrest followed that investigation using a license plate reader," Baugh said. "It goes into an application officers have access to. It really cuts down on surveillance time."

Trustees also approved the purchase of equipment for a second township squad car with that capability. Capitol Electronics Inc. is the vendor.

Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams noted that the 13 Taser X26P units the board members unanimously OK'd purchasing were "less lethal than guns." They also represent newer technology for police and come from Axon Enterprise Inc.

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Traffic forfeiture funds are being used for the Vigilant Solutions Intelligence upgrade. Drug forfeiture funds are being used for the Taser purchase.

Canton board members debated a request for Sunday liquor sales at High Velocity Sports on Michigan Avenue, part of a Class C liquor license request.

"I am at High Velocity a lot," said Trustee Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, who sees many children there.

"This has to be considered a value-added," replied High Velocity representative Bryan Amann. "It's planned to be mixed but it's also planned to be carefully managed. We're ultimately always going to have to be responsible for the careful management."

Trustee Steven Sneideman expressed his concern about safety.

"I would like to see extra security. I want to make sure everybody's safe. That's my only concern."

After the discussion, trustees unanimously approved the local government part of the request, as Amann touted training and noted minimal Sunday morning liquor sales.

Baugh said parking lot larceny as the only big issue his department sees at High Velocity Sports.

"We can respond to that. We'll be on the lookout for your concerns," said Baugh.

# Canton hosts indoor Farmers Markets at Summit

The Canton Farmers Market will return with special off-season sales in March and April at the Summit on the Park community recreation center. The indoor markets will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 24 and April 14 in the Banquet Center at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

A variety of local food growers and producers have signed on to participate in the off-season markets

"We're excited to bring back our off-season markets to the Summit on the Park" said Health and Wellness Specialist Jennifer Franz. "Our goal with these indoor markets is to create a unique shopping experience for our patrons, while supporting our local farmers and producers who help enable us to provide access to fresh, healthy food sources."

During this indoor market, Bridge Card and Double Up Food Bucks transactions will also be accepted. Tokens may be purchased at the Canton Leisure Services table. Plenty of parking is typically available toward the back of the Summit parking lot. Market-goers are encouraged to enter through the banquet doors.

All of the indoor off season Farmers Markets will pick up where the outdoor regular season of the Canton Farmers Market left off. The new season of the outdoor Canton Farmers Market will re-open on Sunday, May 12, and will be open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 13 in Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road, Canton.

For additional Canton Farmers Market information, visit www.canton-mi.org/496 or contact the Farmers Market coordinator at cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org or by calling (734) 394-5375.

# Annual fashion show planned

Advance tickets are now on sale for the Belleville Area Women's Club annual Spring Fashion Show which will begin with cocktails at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 9 at Wayne Tree Manor.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the fashion show will begin at 8 p.m.

Tickets for the event are $40 per person and are available by phoning Chairperson DeLaney Provencher, (734)625 -0919 or from any women's club member.

Wayne Tree Manor is located at 35100 Van Born road in Wayne.

# Schools exceed 'snow day' closures

The recent inclement weather has had a far-reaching effect on school districts faced with exceeding the number of "snow days" allowed by the state.

At the recent meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, superintendent of Schools Pete Kudlak explained that the district had experienced 11 snow days so far this year, while state allows for only six. He told the board members that he had sent a request to the state for waivers for three of the days the schools were closed due to the inclement weather including severe snow and icy conditions.

"I support your decision on school closings," commented board President Keith Johnston. "You took a lot of heat."

Johnston commended Kudlak's decisions to close the schools during the unsafe conditions noting that the superintendent had erred on the side of caution.

"You did the right thing," Johnston said.

Kudlak told the board members that state law requires schools to be open at least 180 days with at least 1,098 hours of instruction. If the state decides to require either 180 days or 1,098 hours, the Van Buren district may face longer days this year to fulfill the time requirements.

It is possible, he said, that districts could have the 180 instructional days requirement waived if legislation is enacted and signed by the governor.

**NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS**

To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the Township of Canton:

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, must be cut and destroyed on or before the 1st day of May, June, July, August, and September 2019 and/or as needed. And every owner, occupant, or person having charge of any such land must notify the Township that such weeds have been destroyed within three days of such cutting. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the date mentioned shall be liable to the imposition of the penalties set forth in Ordinance Number 64, of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Township in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner or to the occupant, shall be spread against the property on the next County and School Tax Roll or the next General Township Tax Roll and/or the Township may place a lien upon the property to secure the collection of such expense.

The township may notify by certified mail, with return receipt requested, the owner, agent, or occupant, as shown on the current county and school tax roll, of any lands on which such noxious weeds are found growing. Such notice shall contain methods of treating and eradicating such noxious weeds and a summary of the provisions of this section. Failure of the township to give such notice shall not, however, constitute a defense to any action to enforce the payment of any penalty provided in this article or any debt created under this article.

NOTICE TO CUT LAWN GRASS IN EXCESS OF FIVE INCHES

The township shall notify the violator of excessive lawn grass in the same manner as provided for in Ord. No. 78-2(c).

(Ord. No. 64, as amended, § 6, 6-24-1997; Ord. of 8-9-2016(1), § 1)

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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**Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – February 26, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Hohenberger, Director Trumbull, Deputy Director – Police Baugh, Deputy Chief Fire – Strassner **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Anthony, supported by Foster to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the Board Study Session Minutes of January 29, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** State Representative Matt Koleszar, House District 20, introduced himself to the Township Board and community, and provided a legislative update. George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, commented on the taxation procedures for waste management facilities. **Payment of the Bills:** Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously **Public Hearing: PH-1:Public hearing for consideration of a local government approval for the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) liquor license application Bryan Finnerty representing High Velocity Sports Group for a class "c" liquor license with Sunday sales (a.m.& pm); and outdoor service permits located at 46245 Michigan Avenue, Canton, Michigan, 48188, Canton Township, Wayne County** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to open the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.to consider the request for a local government approval for the MLCC liquor license application Bryan Finnerty representing High Velocity Sports Group for a class "c" liquor license with Sunday sales (a.m.& pm); and outdoor service permits. Motion carried unanimously. Bryan Amann, Canton Township, spoke in favor of the local government approval. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to close the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.to consider the request for a local government approval for the MLCC liquor license application Bryan Finnerty representing High Velocity Sports Group for a class "c" liquor license with Sunday sales (a.m.& pm); and outdoor service permits. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the request for a new Class "C" Liquor License with Sunday Sales (A.M.& PM) and Outdoor Service Permits for High Velocity Sports Group located at 46245 Michigan Avenue Canton, MI 48188, Canton Township, Wayne County. Motion carried unanimously. **PH-2: Public hearing for approval to amend the 5 year consolidated plan and the 2018 CDBG program year annual action plan** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to open the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m.to hear comment on the Advisory Council recommendations for the amended PY 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to close the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m. to hear comment on the Advisory Council recommendations for the amended PY 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to adopt the amended 2018 Annual Action Plan and authorize the submission of the 2018 amended Annual Action Plan and 5 Year Consolidated Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the following budget amendment: Increase Revenue # 274-000.501 $355,000 Increase Expense # 274-694.970_0020 $355,000. Motion carried unanimously. **Consent Calendar: Item C-1. Approve the Request for a Local Government Approval Resolution for K.R.A.B., LLC at 50296 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48187 for the approval of Outdoor Service Area located on Municipal Property. (Clerk's)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to adopt the Resolution for a Local Government Approval for a New Outdoor Service Area located on Municipal Property; Liquor License Requirement newRoad, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, 48187. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-2. Appointment to Downtown Development Authority Board** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to appoint Andrew Hargreaves to serve on the Board of Directors of the Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canton for a four-year term ending February 26, 2023. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-3. Consider Approval of Application for MLCC Special Liquor Licenses** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to authorize the sale and consumption of alcohol at the 28th Annual Liberty Festival on June 13-15, 2019, and that the following resolution be adopted. Motion carried unanimously. That the Canton Rotary, through its duly elected officers, make application to the MLCC for a Special License for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises to be in effect on June 13-15, 2019 during Liberty Festival at Heritage Park located at 1010 Canton Center Rd, Canton, Michigan, County of Wayne. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to authorize the sale and consumption of alcohol at The Rally on Ridge event on Saturday, July 27, 2019; and that the following resolution be adopted. Motion carried unanimously. That the Charter Township of Canton, through its duly elected officers, make application to the MLCC for a Special License for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises to be in effect on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at Preservation Park located at 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton, Michigan, County of Wayne and that the Township Supervisor and Clerk be authorized to sign and submit this application. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to authorize the sale and consumption of alcohol at The Canton Historical Society's "Brew, Brats & Bands at the Barn" fundraiser on Saturday, September 7, 2019; and furthermore; I move that the following resolution be adopted. Motion carried unanimously. That the Charter Township of Canton, through its duly elected officers, make application to the MLCC for a Special License for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises to be in effect on Saturday, September7, 2019 at the Cady-Boyer Barn in Preservation Park located at 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton, Michigan, County of Wayne and that the Township Supervisor and Clerk be authorized to sign and submit this application. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to authorize the sale and consumption of alcohol at the Thursday Night Live concerts being held on June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25, August 1, August 8, and August 15, 2019; and furthermore; I move that the following resolution be adopted. Motion carried unanimously. That Maraschino's Bar & Restaurant, through its duly elected officers, make application to the MLCC for a Special License for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises to be in effect on the following dates during the Thursday Night Live concerts at Heritage Park located at 1010 Canton Center Rd, Canton, Michigan, County of Wayne. **Item C-4. Request Budget Amendment for the Carryover of Fiscal Rear 2018 Open Purchase Orders to Fiscal Year 2019** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the following 2019 budget amendment increases for purchase order commitments carried over from 2018: General Fund (101) increase of $259,649; Roads Fund (204) increase of $174,236; Fire Fund (206) increase of $46,096; Police Fund (207) increase of $25,892; Cable TV Fund (230) increase of $28,155; Community Improvement Fund (246) increase of $88,874; Downtown Development Authority Fund (248) increase of $67,343; CDBG (274) increase of $ 112,920; Golf Course Fund (584) increase of $82,211; Water & Sewer Fund (592) increase of $1,594,825; Fleet Maintenance Fund (661) increase of $224. Motion carried unanimously. **General Calendar: Item G-1. Consider First Reading for Consideration and Approval of the Third Amendment to the Moceri Consent Judgment and the S&S Homes Rezoning** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to introduce and hold the first reading of the proposed amendment to Appendix A-Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton as provided in the attached ordinance which approves the Third Amendment to the Moceri Consent Agreement for Commercial Site No. 1 and rezones tax parcel No. 009-99-0001-702 from C-2, Community Commercial to R-6, Single-Family Attached residential District. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to table consideration of the amendment for a second reading on March 12, 2019. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-2. Consider Approval of the Special Land Use Request for Fire Station #2** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously. **Resolution of Board of Trustees Charter Township of Canton, Michigan Approval of the Special Land Use for Fire Station No. 2 Whereas**, the Project Sponsor, Canton Township, has requested special land use approval for a municipal building for a fire station on the north side of Warren Road between Lilley and Haggerty Roads; and, **Whereas,** the Planning Commission reviewed the request and special land use criteria and voted 7-0 to recommend approval; **Now Therefore Be It Resolved,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request for a municipal building for a fire station on tax parcel nos. 041-99-0003-000, 041-99-0006-000 and 041-99- 0008-000, subject to all applicable local and state requirements. **Item G-3. Consider Waiver of the Finance Policy, Authorize a Budget Amendment, and Authorize a Purchase Order to MTech for the Retro-fit of Canton's CCTV Sewer Inspection Truck** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to authorize a purchase order to MTech for an amount not to exceed $124,965, and authorize a budget amendment as follows: Increase Revenue: #592-000.539 State Grants: $ 86,223 Increase Expense: #592-537.970_0030 Machinery and Equipment: $124,965 Decrease Expense: #592-536.999 Transfer to fund balance: $ 38,742. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to waive the Finance Policy requiring solicitation of bids due to the sole-source nature of the proposed equipment purchase. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-4. Consider Approval for the Emergency Replacement of a Sewage Grinder Station at Fellows Creek Golf Club** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the following budget amendment: Increase Expenditures: 584-772-78.970_0030 FCGC Capital Outlay Machinery & Equip $18,725 Decrease Expenditures: 246-750.970_0020 Capital Outlay Blds & Improvement $18,725 Increase Revenues: 584-773-50.699_1010 Golf Transfers In from General $18,725 Decrease Revenues: 246-000.699_1010 Community Improvement Transfers in General $18,725. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve an emergency purchase order for the replacement of the Fellows Creek Golf Club Grinder Station to Kennedy Industries, 4925 Holtz Drive, Wixom, MI 48393 in the amount of $18,725 to be paid from 584-772-78.970_0030, FCGC Capital Outlay Machinery and Equipment. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-5. Consider Request to Waive the Bidding Process and Purchase Five Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Units** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to approve waiving the bidding process and approve the purchase of five MSA G1 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus units from Apollo Fire Equipment in the amount of $37,981. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-6. Consider the Purchase of 13 Taser X26P Units** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to waive the bidding process and approve the purchase of 13 Taser X26P packages from Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the amount of $20,001 utilizing budgeted drug forfeiture funds. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-7. Consider Request for the Renewal of Vigilant Solutions Intelligence Led Police Package** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the renewal purchase of Vigilant Solutions Intelligence Led Police Package from Capital Electronics, Inc., in the amount of $21,720 utilizing budgeted traffic forfeiture funds. Additional Public Comment: None Other**:** Clerk Siegrist indicated he will be absent from the March 12, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting due to his annual attendance at the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Institute. Deputy Fire Chief Strassner indicated that the first night of the Citizens Academy for Public Safety will be April 11, 2019. Supervisor Williams stated 40 applicants for the Municipal Services Director position have been condensed to five remaining applicants and the process is progressing nicely. Trustee Graham-Hudak inquired about the Liberty Festival receipts for 2018, and Director Hohenberger indicated it was a net contribution to the General Fund. **Adjourn:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. **__ Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk ___Pat Williams, Supervisor**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394- 5120, during regular business hours or be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

# Chamber to host Northville Marketplace Saturday

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will host the Northville Marketplace from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 9. It will take place at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road.

Admission is $2 at the door. Northville Marketplace will include some 50 exhibitors including: retail and service, businesses, artisans, financial institutions, community, educational groups and restaurants showcasing their products and services.

Lindsey Butzin, Northville Chamber of Commerce event manager said the marketplace provides exhibitors exposure to the public, "in a little different format."

The event has been offered by the for many years and was previously called the "Business Showcase."

There will be a LEGO building event during the Northville Marketplace, Butzin said. Award presentations are planned for 1:15 p.m and "we will have a Master LEGO Builder. He will be there all day."

About 20 youngsters had registered for the LEGO building as of March 1. Children will be able to build with LEGO that day on-site but not take any home with them.

Butzin said that local business people like sharing "what they have going on" with residents, not just Northville but also Canton, Livonia and South Lyon residents.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce can be reached at (248) 349-7640.

# Scouting goal is to change lives, build character

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Fun and adventure are the keys for the Boy Scouts of America.

"When we go to school, we don't tell kids we're going to instill character," noted Janssen W. Lemley, field director for the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Michigan Crossroads Council. "Ultimately I want to change as many lives as possible."

Lemley, who joined Boy Scouts as a fourth-grader, noted the youth organization has deep roots during a recent talk to the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club. The Boy Scout organization is reaching out to girls and young women, with character development, citizenship training and physical fitness the ongoing goals for all youth involved, he said.

Lemley extolled the values of parallel youth organizations such as the YMCA and Girl Scouts. For Boy Scouting, the Exploring, Sea Scout and Venturing components for older youth aren't changing.

He noted safety policies in place with emphasis on the sixth-grade age as young bodies are changing. The Cub Scout younger age group will continue with the option of all-boy dens.

"Our Lady of Good Counsel (in Plymouth) has a phenomenal pack" and will stay all-boy, said Lemley. Others will become mixed as packs, with no all-girl packs yet in this area.

"What I see we're in this together. I'm in competition with tablets and getting kids out of their house," Lemley told the group. There are, in the tri-county area, 21 Scouts BSA Girl Groups planned by the end of the year, he said.

Lemley noted Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts have different leadership, when asked about the Gold Award, Girl Scouting's highest award, and the Boy Scouting Eagle Award, which few earn.

"It's very difficult, it takes a lot of time to earn, he said of the Eagle rank.

"They somehow view that as a failure," Lemley added of former Boy Scouts, most of whom don't earn Eagle status.

He discussed the programs for youth ages 14-20 which are coeducational and career-focused: "How do you figure out what you want to do with your life?" he asked the audience.

He was joined by Scout staff from the area serving Garden City, Redford, Inkster, Romulus, Belleville, Plymouth, Canton, Wayne, Westland, Livonia, and the Clarenceville schools area.

Lemley noted the key role of volunteers who "make a difference," particularly with few Boy Scouting staffers.

He discussed youth protection policies, including those at camp.

"How do we financially protect the youth?" who've had negative, criminal experiences in the organization, he asked.

Lemley noted the Catholic Church and others addressing child abuse charges and financial issues for Boy Scouting. To help former Scouts and keep Scouting going may take non-profit status, he said, varying from for-profit.

Some Norman Rockwell original artwork, "not crucial and fundamental to us," may be sold by Boy Scouting to offer "as much support as possible" for the people involved in abuse, he noted.

Janssen W. Lemley

Christine Vega, Plymouth Noon Rotary president said Lemley's talk held some surprises.

"That was quite the education for me. Their mission is much in line with ours" in Rotary, she said.

# Fire truck

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technical information and a proposed resolution for the procurement of the fire engine on the agenda of the Feb. 12 board of trustees meeting, based on the research and specifications developed over the past year by Phillips.

Vorva again appealed to board members that the purchasing decision be postponed and expressed his concerns about what he claimed was a "$1 million dollar no-bid contract." Stressing that in order to be "good stewards" of the revenue derived from the new 1.2 mill public safety millage, Vorva stated he felt a competitive bid process should be followed and the township should "share with other fire departments."

"I think it's the right thing to do, but the way we're doing it is not the right way to do it," Vorva emphasized.

"I think we can postpone this for a couple of weeks, have a good bid package put out. If we don't do that I'm going to vote no for two reasons; one for what I just said and two, we're not sharing assets with other communities," Vorva stated prior to the vote.

Phillips countered that the supplier selection was based on an established township purchasing policy and the City of Rochester Hills, was the "lead agency," for this transaction under the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network, (MITN), a state network where participating local government purchasing departments invite suppliers to register for exclusive access to bid information for 200 local governments.

"We went through the Rochester Hills bid process, just like we did with the last vehicle…" Phillips explained.

Heise sought input from township attorney Kevin Bennett to as to whether or not Phillip's purchase recommendation had been properly presented. Bennett confirmed that Section IP-2 of the Michigan code recognized Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties as authorized participants. Heise and Bennett both concluded the bid process was proper.

Trustee Bob Doroshewitz stated he was disappointed that there wasn't some type of regional agreement for sharing the new fire engine.

"Obviously we need a new fire truck - whether we need a ladder truck has been a topic of debate. I'm disappointed we have been unsuccessful in doing anything on a regional basis-not successful at all-working with any of our neighbors…"

"I wish we could work with our neighbors…The ladder truck is going to be the most coveted thing in this area-our neighbors will benefit," he said.

Phillips countered that Canton and Northville townships have similar vehicles that are part of the mutual aid program.

Doroshewitz said he felt the purchase should be part of a comprehensive strategy of how fire and emergency services are delivered.

"So, we have the new ladder truck, that's coveted, and will be used by other communities-they will call and ask for that, so what are they buying we're going to have to borrow," Doroshewitz expanded, in reference to the standing mutual aid agreements.

Curmi, who stated adamantly that he was opposed to the purchase, attempted to discount Phillips' recommendation, stating he wanted to talk about financing and discounts.

"This $1 million could be spent on a regional basis to optimize all of these townships…" Curmi said. "I don't think we've done our homework."

Looking to Clinton, Curmi insisted, "We should look at bank financing and finance ourselves from the water department."

"Don't be in a hurry to spend your money, be smart about it" Curmi lectured, suggesting the township get a letter of credit to prove the qualification to banks to advantage the best rates.

Clinton explained the reasons for the 10-year financing plan.

"We're looking at four different options and all were in the ballpark," Clinton said. He added that he was supportive of the purchase plan for two reasons.

"One, we asked for the millage proposal for a fire truck with a ladder and that's what people voted on. Two, don't bring a knife to gunfight. I hope there's never a situation where we need this ladder truck, but if we're in a gun fight and we need a ladder truck-don't bring a knife," he said.

At the end of the discussion, township resident Bill Carter, describing himself an "octogenarian," said he canvased door-to door supporting the fire department millage request, begged board members to approve the ladder truck purchase.

"I want this fire truck. We have a chief who's been in this business for 29 years. We hired him because he knows what he's doing. I'm not that far away where I might be in one of these retirement communities-on the fourth floor. I want my community I've lived-in for 29 years to have the use of that ladder truck. I went door-to-door for this millage, talked to lot of people. The people I talked to wanted the millage and they resoundingly approved it, and the ladder truck was in it. We need to have common sense prevail here and vote yes," he said.

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**2019 SIDEWALK REP AIR PROGRAM**
**HEARING OF NECESSITY FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENTS**
**FOR THE FOLLOWING SUBDIVISIONS:**

**ZONE 4 - Target Subdivisions**
Bi-Parkview Estates #1
Bi-Parkview Estates #2
Forest Brook # 1
Forest Brook #2
Poplar Ridge

Also

Miscellaneous Locations and Metro Act Locations throughout Canton Township

ALL subdivisions located in **ZONE FOUR** are South of Palmer Road.
SEE ATTACHED MAP

Zone Four includes all commercial and residential parcels (MISCELLANEOUS) that are located along a public road right-of-way.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the findings of necessity; assessment against owners of property; hearing; exceptions; notice of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room for the proposed sidewalk replacements.

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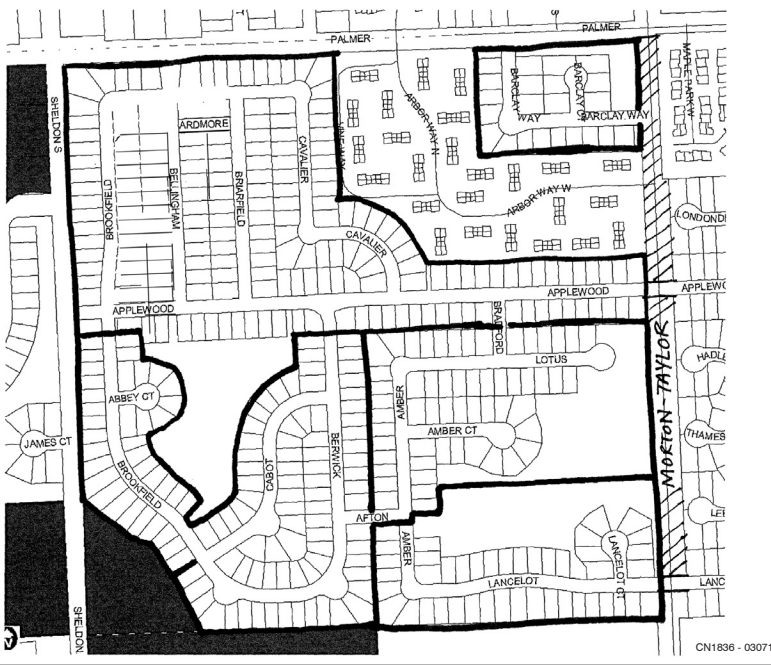


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INKSTER - WESTLAND

# Westland home values increase by 13 percent

Westland residents got some good news and some not-so-good news in the same envelope recently.

Assessment notices were mailed last month to property owners by the Westland Department of Assessment. The annual notice informs property tax payers of any change in assessed and taxable value of their property from the previous year. The taxable value then determines the amount of taxes due according to the various millage rates applied during the summer and winter tax collections. The assessed value is half of what the Department of Assessment notice lists as the value of the property.

In Westland, the average increase to residential property assessments for 2019 was 13 percent, according to city officials. This means the total property value of all residential properties in the city increased by 13 percent, a sharp rise in property values in the community, they added.

"Rising property values and a hot real estate market are great indicators of the health of Westland's local economy," commented Mayor William R. Wild.

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Each property change in value may vary from the overall change as each neighborhood is analyzed individually by assessors to determine the level of change within that particular neighborhood. Commercial properties received an average increase of 7.2 percent and industrial properties received an average increase of 7.0 percent, officials noted.

Taxable values for residential, commercial, and industrial properties are increased annually by the rate of inflation as determined by the federal government each year. The rate of inflation for use in determining the increase to taxable values for 2019 is 2.4 percent If the property was purchased in 2018 or physical improvements were made to the property during 2018, the taxable value may increase more than 2.4 percent, officials explained.

Questions about assessments should be directed to the Westland Department of Assessment at (734) 467-3160.

# Council OK's appointment, 2 staffing changes

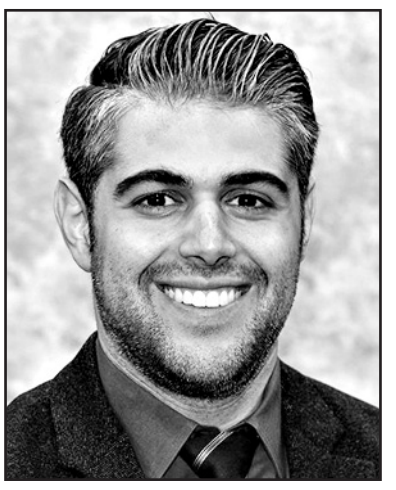
Members of the Westland City Council unanimously approved the appointment of Moe Ayoub as the new city planning director at their meeting Feb. 19.

Ayoub has worked for the City of Dearborn since 2015 and currently holds the position of senior planner. He has a masters degree in Urban Planning from Wayne State University and also holds a Michigan Citizen Planner Certificate and a Master Citizen Planner Certificate, both from Michigan State University.

"We are excited to welcome Moe to the City of Westland team," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "Moe will bring a fresh, new perspective to the department and his specialized knowledge in urban planning along with his familiarity of the region will equip him to take our planning and development strategies to the next level."

"For me, planning focuses on creating stronger and united communities by recognizing that economic prosperity and neighborhood vitality are threads of the same cloth," commented Ayoub. "I'm thankful for the opportunity to work with Mayor Wild, along with the rest of his administration, on advancing his key initiatives and I'm looking forward to creating new relationships with business owners and residents of the City of Westland."

In addition to the planning director position, Wild also announced two more appointments in his administration.



Moe Ayoub

Aubrey Berman

Kathy Suchora

Aubrey Berman has been appointed to the role of Economic Development Director. Berman, who has worked for the city since 2013, will move from the mayor's office where she has worked closely with the community media department on coordinating the city communications strategy. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Florida Gulf Coast University and a masters degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Global Leadership from Cleary University.

"As the city's business community continues to thrive, we must also focus on retention and a branding strategy for attracting new businesses," commented Wild. "Aubrey's extensive knowledge of the residents and businesses within the community coupled with her communications expertise will allow her to help serve our existing businesses with any number of issues they may be facing. She will work closely with our new planning director to attract, retain and develop our business community."

Berman's former position as Wild's administrative secretary will be filled by Kathy Suchora, a Livonia resident with an extensive history in the nursing and administrative fields.

All three employees officially started their new positions on Monday, March 4.

# Free tax return preparation offered at Inkster locations

Inkster residents can get free help with their federal income tax returns through April 11 at two locations in the city.

There is no cost for the help which will be offered at St. Clements Episcopal Church, 4300 Harrison in Inkster. Tax preparers will be available there from 6-9 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday through April 11. For more information, about this location, call (313) 330-7837.

Tax preparation help is also available at New Birth Baptist Church, 27628 Avondale St. in Inkster from 6-9 p.m. on Thursdays only, through the April date. For information about this location, call (313) 378- 2554.

The returns will be filed electronically by certified volunteers. All sites are handicap accessible. Inkster residents could be eligible for tax credits of up to $4,000 if the annual household income is $54,000 or less.

The free tax service is funded by Wayne County Asset Building Coalition and United Way of Southeastern Michigan.

Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik, new sergeants Michael Little and Kameron Sleep, Mayor William R. Wild, Council President Jim Godbout and retiring Sgt. Joseph Bobby mark the official changes in the department.

## Police

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Justice from Kirtland Regional Police Academy. He is a member of the Tactical Response Unit, the Wayne County Mobile Field Force Unit and the Westland Police Recruitment Team. He also serves as a Field Training Officer for new recruits and he serves with his partner, "Hemi" and the Westland Police K9 handler team.

Sleep has served the Westland Police Department for 12 years after graduating from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy and earning his associate's degree from Schoolcraft College. He is a member of the Tactical Response Unit and Sniper Team, the Westland Police Honor Guard and he is a Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor and a Less Lethal Chemical Munitions Instructor.

Sgt. Joseph Bobby

"It's always bittersweet to see such a dedicated public servant, such as Sgt. Bobby, retire from our police force," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "We wish him the best in his retirement and look forward to the impact of great leadership from our two new sergeants."

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# ROMULUS - WAYNE

## Lawsuit filed in carbon monoxide death

A resident of Hickory Hollow Cooperative in Wayne has filed a lawsuit against the managers of the complex where a woman was killed earlier this month.

Priscilla Jordan, 61, a resident in one of the units where carbon monoxide was measured at exceedingly high levels Feb. 1 is represented in the lawsuit by Gordon Johnson, an attorney with the Brain Injury Law Group. Jordan is asking for damages in excess of $25,000 from Hickory Hollow Cooperative and Huntington Management LLC. She has also requested a jury trial in the legal filings which claim that there were multiple failures in the maintenance and inspection of the boilers and chimneys at the complex which resulted in irreversible injuries including brain damage. Jordan is asking for compensation for her medical care and reimbursement of the cost of treatment she has already incurred as well as future medical expenses as well as compensation for an inability to earn money in the future.

A 65-year-old woman was found dead by Wayne emergency responders in one of the units Feb. 1 while her 65-year-old husband was discovered semi-conscious. The affected buildings were evacuated, according to official reports and an inspection of the carbon monoxide levels in the units measured at exceedingly high levels in 27 units across multiple buildings at the 267-unit complex. The lawsuit alleges the defendants did not provide adequate ventilation nor maintain the piping in safe condition, allowing leaks to develop and the condition of which were or should have been known to the defendant.

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According to Johnson, his client is at serious risk of permanent brain damage, "like anyone else who suffers from carbon monoxide poisoning. It's important to get started (on the lawsuit), because the facts are falling down around us. They are out there taking chimneys down and it's important to document what happened before the evidence is gone."

Previously, Westland Fire Chief Michael Stradtner confirmed that the level of carbon monoxide in the deceased woman's unit was more than 300 parts per million. Levels of carbon monoxide at more than 70 parts per million can result in symptoms including headache, fatigue and nausea. Concentrations of the gas above 150 to 200 parts per million can result in disorientation, unconsciousness, and death is sustained during a long period of time.

Jordan claims in her lawsuit that the failure of the management to maintain, repair and inspect the systems has resulted in carbon monoxide poisoning causing her to sustain permanent injuries including "severe brain damage, disability, pain and suffering, physical impairment, mental anguish, inconvenience and loss of capacity for the enjoyment of life, both in the past and to continue permanently into the remainder of her future."

Jordan, who has lived in the 48-year-old complex for several years, is currently the only resident suing the complex although Johnson said that as many as 50-75 people could have been affected by the gas. Johnson said that Jordan had been experiencing symptoms for two to three weeks prior to firefighters being called to the complex.

## Check this out

### Library 'Checkout Challenge' offers loan of multiple items

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Romulus Public Library staff and volunteers want area residents to feel free to stop by and peruse the collection, especially during their initial 2019 Checkout Challenge.

The Checkout Challenge encourages patrons to check out a variety of items, including books, ebooks and other digital materials. Movies, CDs, TV shows, music and more are part of the Checkout Challenge which the library began this year.

"We're also challenging ourselves to make sure we're marketing the library, telling our story," said Patty Braden, who directs the library on Wayne Road which serves both Romulus and Huron Township.

"We just want to encourage the residents to check out all of the wonderful materials," added Braden. "We just want to highlight the diversity" of the collection.

"We're getting busier every day," she said, noting plans for staff to look in more detail at which materials ares checked out quarterly. The Summer Reading Program saw an increase of 31 percent participation for the fiscal year, for all ages. Visitors in person, checkouts, wireless usage, and library card numbers are also on an upswing, Braden said.

The Checkout Challenge goal is 70,000 items for the year, and as of March 1, 12 percent or 8,734 checkouts had been reached toward that goal.

"We're updating it at the beginning of the month," said Braden, who is pleased with patron response.

"Maybe (the challenge will) bring in some people who haven't used the library recently or at all," Braden said.

She's a library patron herself, and started a monthly book club that includes other area library directors.

"It kind of broadens your horizons. You learn," she said of sharing book titles and viewpoints. Braden admits there were some that she had little enthusiasm for, "but then we read some that are really good. I like that," she said.

She notes home computer checkouts count in the 2019 Checkout Challenge. The Romulus library also has extensive programming, although the Checkout Challenge focuses on items going out into circulation.

Braden and colleagues are pleased that as of January 2019 they're able to keep the library open until 6 p.m. on Fridays. It had been closing an hour earlier.

She said response to the new Friday closing time has been "very good."

"Friday was a good day for us to expand. People are staying."

She will present a State of the Library address at 7 p.m. Monday, March 25, during a Romulus City Council study session, which is open to the public. It will be recorded for YouTube viewing and posted on the library website www.romuluslibrary.org.

Romulus Public Library Director Patty Braden is excited about the 2019 Checkout Challenge.

The library is located at at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus and can be reached at (734) 942-7589.

## Hometown Heroes sought

Nominations are being sought for the 2019 Hometown Hero Awards in Romulus.

The City of Romulus Police, Fire & Safety Commission is looking for the names of an educational services professional who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference in the schools; a citizen or organization who consistently demonstrates excellent community leadership by "stepping up to the plate" and has made a significant contribution to the community through his/her/their involvement by giving many hours of personal time; a courageous person who exemplifies courage, kindness, and unselfish character through their acts of heroism in or out of the Romulus community and a veteran of the U.S. military who has made significant contributions above and beyond the call of duty.

Nomination forms are available at Romulus City Hall, Romulus Chamber of Commerce, Romulus Athletic Center, Romulus Library, or the City of Romulus Website, www.romulusgov.com/Hometown Heroes. Applications and supporting documents must be returned by mail by March 29 to be considered. Mail nominations to: Romulus City Hall, ATTN: Hometown Heroes Committee, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174

For more information, call Mayor LeRoy Burcroff's office at (734) 942-7571.

## Grant

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Through the program, Amazon has donated more than $10 million to organizations that promote computer science/STEM educations in the United States.

"Our school district is focusing on innovation and technology with some of new initiatives," said Romulus Community School District Chief Communications Officer Dawn Jamison. "Courses like this help ensure that we are providing our students with a quality education.

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### CITY OF ROMULUS
### 2019 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll. Please come prepared, as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

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| March 11, 2019: | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm |
| March 12, 2019: | 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm |
| March 13, 2019: | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm |

Residents and Non-Residents may appeal by (1) making an appointment to appear before the Board OR (2) in writing (personal appearance is not required). The Board of Review MUST receive all written appeals/documentation no later than March 13, 2019 at 11:00 am.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. According to Ordinance, all Representatives or Agents MUST submit an original, notarized, current proof of authorization to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment to appeal to the March Board of Review, please call the City of Romulus Department of Assessment at 734. 942.7520.

For the purpose of addressing clerical errors, mutual mistakes of fact, poverty exemptions, veteran's exemptions, and principal residence exemptions, the Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on:

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| July 16, 2019: | 9:30 am |
| December 10, 2019: | 9:30 am |

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### MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
**February 11, 2019**
**Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.**
**Pledge of Allegiance**
**Roll Call:** Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
**Excused:** Tina Talley.
**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Barb Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
**1.** Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**19-030 2A.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 4, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**19-031 2B.** Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 4, 2019 – closed session, attorney opinion. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**3. Petitioner**
**4. Chairperson's Report**
Mayor Pro-Tem Barden spoke about the great turn-out for the annual soul food dinner. Councilman Wadsworth gave a reminder of the Cat and Dog Inoculations Event on Feb. 23, 2019.
**19-032 4A.** Moved by **Williams,** seconded by **Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Horace Stephens. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**19-033 4B.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Todd Hauter Sr. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**19-034 4C.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to adopt a resolution to recognize Dave and Judy Rakotz on 50 years of doing business at Dave's Barber Shop on Goddard Rd. in Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**4.** Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**5. Mayor's Report**
Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.
**19-035 5A1.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 18/19-19 to the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter in a contract for the 2019 Concrete Paving Program (Dru, Taft and Oakbrook Streets) as specified to Goretski Construction, Inc. in the amount of $332,500 with a 10 percent contingency. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**19-036 5A2.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Congressman Dingell. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**19-037 5B.** Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a Master Service Agreement Amendment with Clear Rate Communication for network connectivity for Fire Station #2 at 7221 Middlebelt Road. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**19-038 5C1.** Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and approve the re-appointments of Doug Clark and Doug O'Leary to the Downtown Development Authority with terms to expire on July 31, 2022. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**19-039 5C2.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and approve the appointments to the Downtown Development Authority of Randy Moffat, with a term to expire on December 31, 2019; and Jeremy Westcott, with a term to expire on February 28, 2022. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**19-040 5D.** Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Budget Amendment 18/19-21 to authorize the transfer of funds from the Court Building Debt Services Fund to the Court Building Construction Fund as requested by DPS Director, Robert McCraight, for additional costs for Bid Package 3A of the project.

| FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO. | ACCOUNT NAME | CURRENT BUDGET | AMENDMENT | AMENDED BUDGET |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Court Debt Service Fund** | | | | |
| **Fund Balance** | | | | |
| 302-000-390.000 | Fund Balance | 1,699,403 | (250,000) | 1,449,403 |
| **Expense** | | | | |
| 302-000-999.401 | Transfer Out-Court Const. Fund | 400,000 | 250,000 | 650,000 |
| **Court Construction Fund** | | | | |
| **Revenue** | | | | |
| 401-000-699.302 | Transfer In-Court Debt Serv. Fund | 400,000 | 250,000 | 650,000 |
| **Expense** | | | | |
| 401-000-980.000 | Project Costs | 16,405,540 | 250,000 | 16,655,540 |

To authorize the transfer of funds from the Court Building Debt Service Fund to the Court Building Construction Fund as requested by the DPS Director for additional costs for Bid Package 3a of the project. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**6A. Clerk's Report**
**6B. Treasurer's Report**
City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, gave a reminder that property taxes are due on February 14, 2019.
**7. Public Comment**
A resident asked how she could get a street light put in on Chamberlain.
**8. Unfinished Business**
**9. New Business**
Councilwoman Williams made a motion to delete the phrase that is read before the public comment section of the Council meeting that refers to "no campaigning" and it was seconded by Councilwoman Abdo. After Council had discussion, Councilwoman Williams withdrew the motion and Councilwoman Abdo supported it. During discussion, all Councilmembers agreed that the rules to be read before addressing City Council are on the back of the Council agenda; and, any future changes to the rules should be brought to Council for their concurrence.
**10. Communication**
**19-041 11.** Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to pay Warrant 19-03 in the amount of $1,367,072.63. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
**12.** Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 11, 2019.

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# Calendar of events

**St. Patrick's Soiree set**

Tickets are now on sale for the Night for Northville St. Patrick's Day Soiree hosted as a fundraising for the Northville Educational Foundation.

The foundation annually awards multiple grants to teachers and programs in the Northville Public Schools.

The event will take place from 7-11 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 Eight Mile Road in Northville. There will be an open bar, entertainment by the Shawn Riley Band, Irish dancers, a silent auction, a wine pull raffle a photo booth and other amusements.

To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www.supportNEF.org.

**Genealogy society meets Sunday**

The public is invited to attend, free of charge, the meeting of the Northville Genealogical Society Sunday, March 10, at the Northville District Library located at 212 West Cady St. in Northville.

The roundtable discussion, "Burning Questions" will begin at 1:15 p.m. After a short business meeting at 2:30 p.m., open to the public, there will be a discussion of "More Burning Questions."

For more information, call (734) 812-2449.

**AARP tax help offered**

Volunteer tax aides from the AARP Foundation will offer free tax preparation services to seniors at the Northville Community Center starting today through April 12. This service has been offered to the community for at least 10 years at the Community Center.

The tax aides are certified for tax preparation.

Appointments typically take 1 to 1-½ hours. Taxpayers will get a copy of their e-filed returns. Only personal tax returns, not business tax returns, are processed.

Tax preparation is by appointment only, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (248) 305-2851 during business hours to schedule an appointment. A volunteer will return your call with information about required documentation and confirmation of appointment time.

**Blues at the Elks planned**

Big Ray and the Motor City Kings will perform from 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325.

The group includes Ray Haywood on sax and vocals, Dave Fender on guitar, Mike Rupprecht of keyboards and vocals, Joel Warren on Drums and Brian Gatten on bass and vocals.

The Elks Club is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780.

There is a $5 donation at the door.

**Photographers to meet**

Members of the only 3D photography club in the state will meet from 7 until 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

The featured program for the evening will be a presentation of several award-winning 3D sequences. After a refreshment break, the final "freebie" drawing of the season for 3D items will take place along with a stereo image competition.

The meeting is open to the public at no charge. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org, or call at (248) 398-3591.

**Chicken supper is served**

Willow United Methodist Church will serve a Chicken Supper from 5 p.m. until sold out on March 13. Carry out dinners will be available beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The cost is $10 per meal or $5 for children 12 and younger. The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole slaw, dessert and coffee, hot tea or milk.

The church is located at 36925 Willow Road in New Boston.

For information call (734) 654-9020.

**American architecture is topic**

The Wayne Historical Society will host Tyler Moll at 7 p.m. March 14 for a presentation of American architectural styles from the 1500s to present day.

The presentation will take place at the museum, 1 Town Square in Wayne, at the corner of Main and Biddle streets. The event is free and open to the public and light refreshments will be provided.

**Wild Wings take on alumni team**

Mayor William R. Wild, along with his team of Westland Wild Wings, are once again getting ready to lace up their skates to challenge the Detroit Red Wing Alumni in the 10th Annual Hockey Night in Westland charity event.

The game will take place Friday, March 15 at the Mike Modano Ice Arena located at 6210 N. Wildwood St. in Westland. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and at 6 p.m. the Westland Hockey Association Mini-Mites and Mites will take the ice to show off their skills. The alumni pre-game fun will start at 7 p.m. and the puck drop will take place at 7:30 p.m.

This event has turned into one of the most anticipated events in the community. Tickets for the event are $10 for adults and $5 for children ages 6 to 12. Children 5 and younger are admitted free with an adult.

Tickets are available for purchase at the Wild's office at Westland City Hall, the Mike Modano Ice arena and online at https://westland.ticketleap.com/2019-hockey-night/details.

Seating is limited and has been sold out during past events.

**Senior Alliance hosts annual lunch**

The Senior Alliance will celebrate the 39th Annual Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. March 15 at The Bentley Banquet and Conference Center located at 646 Biddle Ave. Wyandotte, MI.

This year, the focus will be on caregivers, and will include a gourmet lunch buffet. Tickets are $35, but chamber members can receive an additional $5 discount.

For sponsorship opportunities and individual tickets, visit www.thesenioralliance.org/annual-meeting or call (734) 722-2011.

**Auto technology is topic**

Rob Demmer of Jack Demmer Ford will discuss new technologies drivers can find in vehicles and how to use them during the monthly Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce business luncheon.

Reservations for the luncheon will be accepted through March 15. The cost is $20 for chamber members and $25 for non-members for the March 19 luncheon which will begin with registration and networking at 11:30 a.m. with the program set to begin at noon.

The event will take plae at Embassy Suites, 8600 Wickham Road in Romulus.

Chamber officials said that seating is limited. Tickets and reservations are available at (734) 893-0694 or at admin@romuluschamber.org.b

**Mom to Mom sale in Canton**

Canton Leisure Services will host the annual Mom to Mom Sale from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

More than 60 booths will be on site offering gently used children's clothing and shoes, plus toys, books, DVDs/videos, baby gear, Halloween costumes, water and swim gear, and more. Bargain shoppers will also be able to find deals on furniture, strollers, high chairs and more in the large item area.

"The feedback from buyers and sellers over the last few years has been so positive that we always try to make it an even bigger and better sale," said Special Events Coordinator Julie Allen. "So many shoppers were impressed with the wide variety of gently-used merchandise at great prices. Everyone looking for great bargains should come to see for themselves."

Admission is $2 from 8 - 9 a.m. and $1 from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. All sales are "cash only." There is no ATM on the premises and booth spaces are currently sold out.

For more information, contact the Summit on the Park front desk at (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

**Inkster hosts Coffee With A Cop**

Coffee With a Cop, a monthly event hosted by the Inkster Police Department, will take place at 6:30 p.m. March 20 at the Gracie See Pastaria, 26734 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to enjoy a cup of coffee, ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the police officers in the city.

**Church hosts cooking class**

A Healthy Lunch cooking class with a live cooking demonstration is planned for 3-6 p.m. March 24. Recipes will be provided.

Topics include portion size, organizing your refrigerator the healthy way and what you don't know will kill you.

The class will take place at Sharon SDA Church, 28537 Cherry St. in Inkster where the Rev. Errol E. Liverpool, PhD is pastor.

Pre-registration for this class is required by March 19.

For more information or to register, contact Adventist Community Services Director Lucy Byrd at (313)293-9753 or lucybyrd2@gmail.com.

**Tri-Community Update is topic**

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will host officials from Sumpter and Van Buren townships and the City of Belleville at the member luncheon meeting beginning at noon Wednesday March 27.

The speakers will include Sumpter Township Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis, Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley and supervisor of Van Buren Township Kevin McNamara along with special guest speaker, Pete Kudlak, Superintendent of Van Buren Public Schools.

The luncheon will take place at the Ted Scott Campus of Wayne County Community College District, 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m.

The cost for the luncheon is $20 if tickets are purchased in advance or $25 if purchased at the door.

To register, or for more information, call (734) 697-7157 or info@bellevillareachamber.org.

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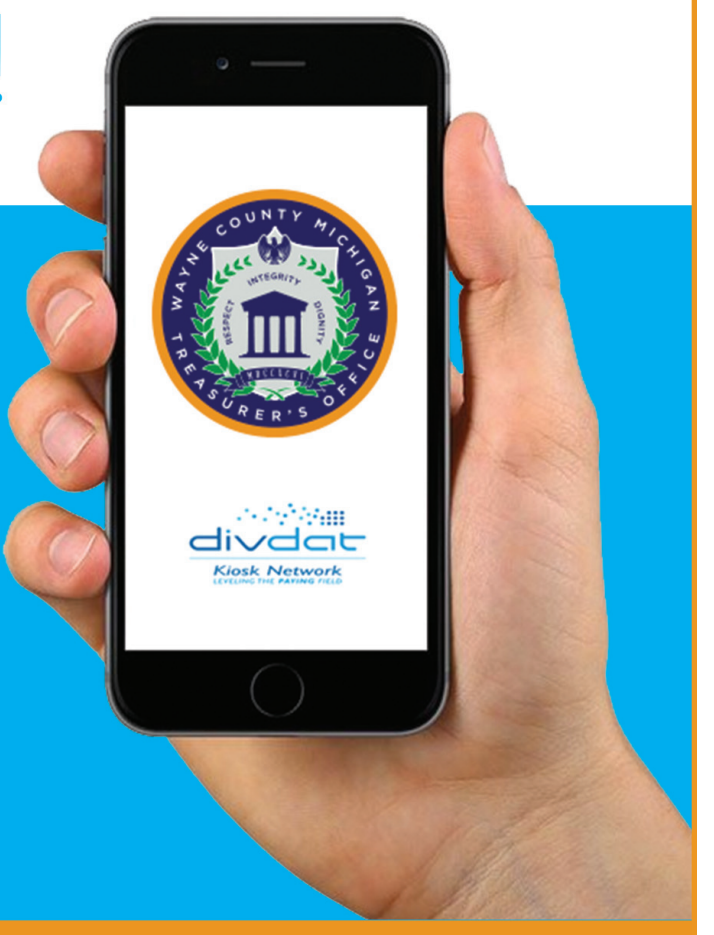


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